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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (f) appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/53/712.

2. At its 62nd meeting, on 27 May 1999, the Fifth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/53/106/Add.1) concerning a vacancy that had arisen in the membership of the International Civil Service Commission as a result of the death of Carlos S. Vegega (Argentina), who had also served as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. The Committee was therefore required to appoint a person to serve as a member of the Commission for the remainder of the term of office of Mr. Vegega and to designate a person to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for the same period.

3. The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/10/Add.2) transmitting the name of the person nominated by the Government of Argentina to serve the remainder of the term of office of Mr. Vegega, that is, until 31 December 2002.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint José Ramon Sanchis Muñoz (Argentina) a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on _____ 1999[1] and ending on 31 December 2002.

[1] Date of adoption of the decision by the General Assembly.

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5. The Fifth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/10/Add.3) transmitting the names of three persons nominated by their respective Governments for designation as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission.

6. The Fifth Committee proceeded to elect by secret ballot one person from the candidates proposed. The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	153
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	153
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	152
Required majority:	77
Number of votes obtained:	
Eugeniusz Wyzner	63
José Ramon Sanchis Muñoz	45
Wolfgang Stöckl	44

7. In accordance with rule 132 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee then proceeded to a second ballot restricted to the two candidates who had obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot. The result of the second ballot was as follows:

Number of ballots cast:	149
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	148
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	146
Required majority:	74
Number of votes obtained:	
Eugeniusz Wyzner	92
José Ramon Sanchis Muñoz	54

8. Having obtained the required majority, Eugeniusz Wyzner was recommended for designation as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on _____ 1999[1] and ending on 31 December 2002.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

9. The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly:

(a) Appoint Mr. José Ramon Sanchis Muñoz (Argentina) a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on _____ 1999[1] and ending on 31 December 2002;

(b) Designate Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland) as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on _____ 1999[1] and ending on 31 December 2002.